

HOUSE RESOLUTION 87

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A RESOLUTION calling on the Federal Republic of Germany to recognize the rights of parents to raise their children, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, German citizens are seeking political asylum in the State of Tennessee to escape persecution and imprisonment by the German government related to their parental rights; and

WHEREAS, members of this body recognize the importance of religious liberties and the right of parents to determine their children's upbringing and the method in which their education should be provided; and

WHEREAS, parental choice and involvement are crucial to excellence in education; and

WHEREAS, denial of the basic right of parents to choose the manner in which their children are educated goes against the ideals of individual liberty and freedom; and

WHEREAS, home educated students in Tennessee have continually exhibited high standards of academic achievement and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Republic of Germany infringes upon the parental rights of its citizens to direct their children's education, using threats of imprisonment, seizure of their children, and other forms of coercion; and

WHEREAS, the federal government of the Federal Republic of Germany justifies its policy against home education on a desire to prevent the emergence of parallel societies based on separate philosophical convictions, thus denying freedom of speech, religion, association, and thought; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, that the members of this body respectfully entreat the Federal Republic of Germany to recognize the basic, fundamental rights of parents and allow its citizens to determine the educational upbringing of their own children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Federal Republic of Germany's Secretariat of the Standing Conference of Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs, and its Federal Ministry of Education and Research.